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SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKY

1. SHABTAI KALMANOWITCH CALLED ON THE DCM THE EVENING
OF APRIL 11. HE HAD BEEN IN BERLIN FOR A MEETING WITH
VOGEL APRIL 10.

2. KALMANOWITCH BROUGHT TWO DOCUMENTS WITH HIM. THE
FIRST, A VOGEL LETTER DATED APRIL 10 TO CONGRESSMAN
GILMAN, CONTAINS A FIRM OFFER TO TRADE MIRON AND NORMAN
FOR THOMPSON. SHCHARANSKY IS DEALT WITH AS FOLLOWS
(EMBASSY TRANSLATION): QUOTE IN THE VERY COMPLICATED
AND DIFFICULT SHCHARANSKY CASE, A DECISION IS NOT
POSSIBLE AT THE MOMENT. I WILL CONTINUE MY EFFORTS,
HOWEVER, AND I BELIEVE AN AGREEMENT IN THE FIRST
MENTIONED MATTER COULD HAVE A GOOD EFFECT ON SIMILAR
ARRANGEMENTS. UNQUOTE. COMMENT. IN THE CONTEXT, THE
"FIRST MENTIONED MATTER" IS THE MIRON-NORMAN-THOMPSON
DEAL. END COMMENT. THE SECOND DOCUMENT, DATED
APRIL 11, SIGNED BY VOGEL AND TO BE SIGNED BY
KALMANOWITCH ON BEHALF OF FLATTO-SHARON, SETS OUT THE
TERMS FOR THE MIRON-NORMAN-THOMPSON DEAL, AS FOLLOWS:
(L) KALMANOWITCH WILL GIVE VOGEL OFFICIAL PROOF BEFORE
APRIL 17 THAT THOMPSON WILL BE RELEASED ON APRIL 30 AND
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ON THAT DAY CAN TRAVEL WITH VOGEL FROM NEW YORK TO WEST
BERLIN; (2) SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THOMPSON'S DEPARTURE
FROM WEST BERLIN FOR THE GDR, NORMAN WILL BE RELEASED
TO WEST BERLIN (FRIEDRICHSTRASSE S-BAHN STATION); (3)
MIRON WILL TRAVEL ON APRIL 23 1600 HOURS CENTRAL
EUROPEAN TIME TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WILL BE PICKED UP AT
THE BORDER BY HIS WIFE AND KALMANOWITCH. THE EXACT

PLACE WILL BE GIVEN AHEAD OF TIME.

3. KALMANOWITCH IS TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES
APRIL 12 AND PLANS TO MEET WITH VOGEL IN HAMBURG
APRIL 17.

4. KALMANOWITCH COMMENTED ON HIS RECENT MEETING WITH
VOGEL AND THE DEAL CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTS (PARA 2).
HE SAID A KEY POINT FOR HIM WAS THAT HE UNDERSTOOD
FROM CONGRESSMAN GILMAN'S STAFF THAT THOMPSON IS AT THE
POINT OF BEING PAROLED IN ANY CASE, AND THERE WAS ONLY
LIMITED TIME LEFT TO USE HIM FOR A SWAP. VOGEL HAD
CHANGED THE TERMS FROM HIS EARLIER SHCHARANSKY-THOMPSON
OFFER, BUT AT LEAST KALMANOWITCH WAS GETTING SOME-
THING. ALSO, VOGEL HAD TOLD HIM THAT IF THE MIRON-
NORMAN-THOMPSON DEAL WENT FORWARD, HE (VOGEL) WOULD BE
IN THE POSITION TO TELL CONGRESSMAN GILMAN THAT HE COULD
HAVE SHCHARANSKY "IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS". KALMANOWITCH
DID NOT HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO WHAT MIGHT
BE BEHIND THIS STATEMENT OF VOGEL'S. KALMANOWITCH IS
AWARE THAT IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER VOGEL COME-ON, COMPARABLE
WITH THE SHCHARANSKY-THOMPSON OFFER OF VOGEL'S THAT

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ACTIVATED THE PRESENT PHASE OF FLATTO-SHARON/KALMONWITCH
EXCHANGES WITH VOGEL.

5. KALMANOWITCH IS ASTUTE, BUT HE IS SHOWING SIGNS OF
FASCINATION WITH THE PRISONER GAME FAMILIAR IN NEWCOMERS
TO IT, A STATE OF MIND THAT VOGEL IS GOOD AT WORKING ON.
KALMANOWITCH FEELS HIMSELF UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO GET

SOMETHING FOR THOMPSON WHILE THERE IS STILL A CHANCE, NOT JUST FOR THE SAKE OF MIRON AND NORMAN, BUT BECAUSE VOGEL HAS DANGLED THE POT OF GOLD, SHCHARANSKY, BY RELATING IT TO MIRON-NORMAN-THOMPSON. AT THE SAME TIME, VOGEL HAS TYPICALLY MADE THE CONNECTION VERY LOOSELY AND WITHOUT REAL COMMITMENT.

6. KALMANOWITCH ALSO MENTIONED THE LUNT CASE BRIEFLY. HE QUOTED VOGEL AS SAYING THAT THE ONLY REPEAT ONLY POSSIBILITY OF A DEAL WAS FOR THE PUERTO RICAN WOMAN IN PRISON IN THE UNITED STATES IN WHOM CASTRO IS INTERESTED. IN ADDITION, KALMANOWITCH SAID VOGEL TOLD HIM THE CUBANS WERE NOT INTERESTED IN WORKING THROUGH HIM AS MIDDLEMAN ON LUNT, BUT WANT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S. IF A DEAL IS NEGOTIABLE.
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